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## INTEREST HERE IN FAYETTE KILLING CASE

W. E. White On Trial For Shooting Arthur Johnson to Death In Postoffice Lobby

Much interest is being manifested in Madison county in the trial at Lexington of W. E. White, charged with the murder of Arthur Johnson, whom he shot to death in the Lexington postoffice building some months ago. Mrs. White has a number of relatives in this county.

The Commonwealth closed its case Tuesday morning.

White said he was 47 years old, was born in Fayette county on the Russell Cave pike, his mother dying the seventh day after his birth. He was reared by his grandparents and went to work when seven years old, attending school for only three months. He married at the age of 20 Miss Martha Ann Whitlock and has seven children.

White testified that he had known Johnson for two or three years previous to the shooting. His married life had been happy up until about six months ago, when he said he noticed a change in his wife's affections toward him. "She seemed to be cold to me," White said, adding that his suspicions concerning his wife's conduct were aroused several weeks before the shooting. He said he saw Johnson go into his (White's) home one afternoon while he was some 400 yards away. Johnson remained about twenty or thirty minutes, alone in the house with Mrs. White, with the exception of the six-year-old daughter, White declared. White said that when he asked his wife ten or fifteen minutes later as he came into the house if anyone had been there she said: "No one."

White testified that he had seen Mrs. White and Mr. Johnson together every Saturday for some time. At these times neighbors who saw Mrs. White and Johnson would look toward the couple and talk about them, White said.

White talked with Johnson 4 Saturdays before the shooting occurred, telling him to stay away from Mrs. White. "I told Johnson to keep away from my wife and keep away from my home and her," White said. "Johnson didn't say anything, his face got red and he walked away."

Testifying that Johnson had threatened his life, White said, "I saw Johnson the following Saturday. I started into the bank to see Mr. Bowman when Johnson stopped me and said, 'Look here, you are getting sore and I've got a pistol. I'll use it on you if you don't keep your damn mouth shut. Your time is about up.'"

White said he told Johnson he didn't want to have any trouble with him, and walked away, coming down the street where he met Mrs. White, the two going on home together.

That night White said he talked with his wife in their bedroom at home about what Johnson had said.

"I said, 'Mother, has there been any other man come between us, and she said 'There has.' I asked her who and she said, 'Arthur Johnson.' She said they had been together at certain places in Lexington."

He testified that he next saw Johnson the day of the shooting, talking to Mrs. White on Main street. White when questioned said he had taken a pistol with him to town "to protect himself as Johnson had threatened him." White said he walked up Main street to a drug store where he stood ten or fifteen minutes waiting for his wife to come out of the postoffice to ask her when she wanted to go home.

"She didn't come out," White said, "so I went in to see her." As soon as he got in the door he saw his wife with her back toward him talking to a man. He recognized Johnson as he looked up. White testified that Johnson raised his hand to his right hip pocket and that he pulled out his revolver and fired at Johnson.

"I fired to save my life and home," he said.

Dr. J. A. Goodson, Dr. F. H.

## COUNTIES LOSE IN ASSESSMENT SUIT

Court of Appeals Says Supervisors Must Make Raises As Ordered

(By Associated Press)  
Frankfort, Ky., June 28—Reassessment of Fayette county by the Tax Commission field men was forbidden today by the Court of Appeals. It held the commission must make all assessment increases of various counties at its office in Frankfort and not in the field as planned in a number of counties. The court held it is mandatory on the county board of supervisors to meet the increases ordered by the commission.

The Court of Appeals adjourned today for its summer vacation without handing down a formal opinion on the general registration law. It is probable that Chief Justice Hurt will hand down an opinion informally.

## ELECTRICAL STORM HEAVIEST IN YEARS

Reports coming in show that much damage was done Monday afternoon by the severe rain and electrical storm which occurred about five o'clock. Tobacco in some places was greatly damaged, with many of the plants being washed entirely out of the soil. The rain will probably postpone the threshing season a couple of days. The wind in the eastern part of the county blew corn flat which will mean a considerable loss. Many big trees were blown down.

Lightning struck the steeple and tore off part of the roof of the cupola of the St. Mark's Catholic church on West Main street. This can be replaced at little cost. Lightning also burned out a wire in front of the Dixie Inn and caused much excitement.

Experts say that the wires of the Kentucky Utility Company undoubtedly saved many buildings from serious damage. The electrical demonstration was one of the severest ever known here. The play of lightning seems to have jumped to the power and light wires wherever possible. In a number of private homes meters were knocked from the walls, fuses destroyed and other slight damage done. In the home of J. A. Kunkel on Walnut street a gas pipe under the flooring of a closet caught fire and burned all night, but luckily was discovered early enough the next morning to prevent any serious damage. Another house across the street sustained a mild stroke of lightning, but damage was not heavy.

## U. S. Awaits Further News From Mexican Kidnaping

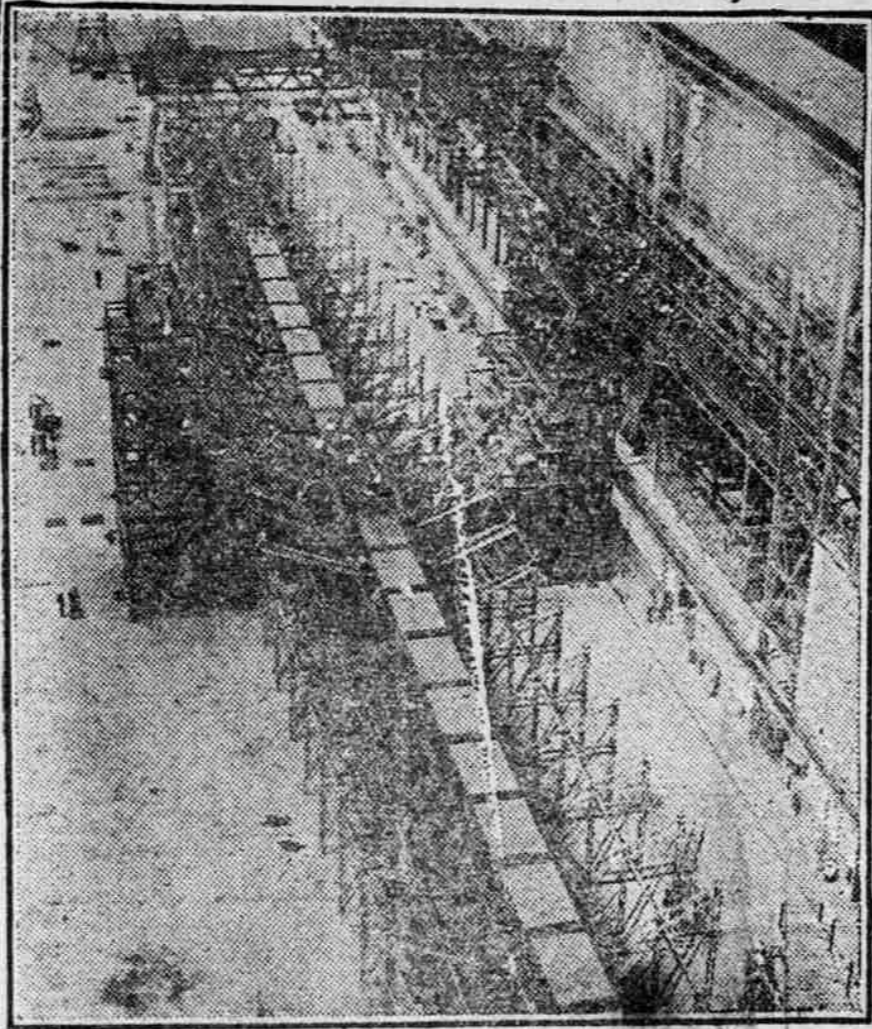
(By Associated Press)  
Washington, June 28—Government officials are still awaiting more reliable information today concerning the reported seizure of 40 American employees and the property of the Cortez Oil Company for a ransom in the vicinity of Tampico, Mexico. The time limit for payment of the 15,000 pesos ransom expired yesterday. It is generally assumed the Mexican federal authorities took prompt action, because failure to do so would cause serious international complications.

## Have you seen the real bargains on Elder's shoe counter?

Clark and Dr. C. A. Nevitt all testified that in their opinion White was insane when he shot Johnson.

The Lexington Herald said Tuesday morning that two witnesses in the White murder trial, Mrs. Tena Whitlock and Mrs. Lena McMurry, yesterday became overheated, both mentally and physically, as the trial progressed and engaged in a sharp verbal tilt, which was followed by blows outside of the courtroom late yesterday afternoon. Warrants were sworn out for both, but instead of having them served, Judge Stoll called them in the courtroom after court adjourned and asked them to "make-up." "There is enough trouble in your section of the county without you two making any more," he told them.

## Start Huge New Dirigible



Giant cradle on which the ZR-1, rigid airship, will be built by American engineers at Lakehurst, N. J. The craft will be 775 feet long and 78 1/2 feet in diameter. Small dots at left are human beings, showing vast size of the ship.

## EXCHANGE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Exchange Club was organized June 22 and these officers were elected: R. L. Telford, president; Joseph B. Arnold, secretary; and R. M. Rowland, treasurer. The charter members are R. L. Telford, C. C. Wallace, C. E. Smoot, Elmer Deatherage, Harvey Chenault, H. L. Perry, H. L. Donovan, F. H. Gordon, J. D. Goodloe, R. M. Rowland and J. B. Arnold.

The other members who were voted on and signed up Tuesday are: W. L. Arnold, W. S. Oldham, Bennett Farris, M. C. Covington, John Creech, Harry S. Bybee, E. V. Elder, Grant Robinson, R. H. Embree, Vernon Lear, W. H. White, T. S. Burnham, Harry Blanton, George Fawkes, Murison Dunn, R. J. McKee, Jack Pushin and J. H. Oldham.

The purposes of this organization are: 1 To exemplify the real meaning of "Exchange" in every day business and professional life by the maximum of service; 2 To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas, methods, information and business courtesies; 3 To promote and encourage good fellowship and acquaintanceship between members and their families, and to provide means for this purpose; 4 To take an active interest in humanitarian, civic, state and national affairs, thereby lending aid to movements tending to make the city, state and nation a better place in which to live; 5 To co-operate with Exchange Clubs wherever they may be and to promote and encourage a relationship of Service with other Exchange Clubs.

## HARDING CALLS COAL LEADERS TO MEET

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, June 28—President Harding has decided to summon at Washington Saturday representative coal operators from all parts of the country to discuss with representatives of the miners' union the possibility of a conference to fix wage scales that would settle the coal strike.

## Irish Government Forces Fight on Insurgents

Dublin, June 28—The Irish Provisional government moved promptly today against the insurgents of the Irish Republican army, who are entrenched in the Four Courts building here. The fighting opened at daylight and was in progress late this afternoon. Fourteen casualties were reported. The government is using artillery and armored cars.

## HOSPITAL UNIT TO MEET FRIDAY

The Adjutant General or some member of his staff will be in Richmond Friday to officially muster in Hospital Company of the Kentucky National Guard, which is being organized here. Dr. O. F. Hume requests that all who have enlisted meet in his office Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock to prepare for the official services which will begin promptly at eight o'clock. The following is a list of those who have joined the company:

John E. Allman, James R. Allman, Henry Arnold, Joe S. Azbill, John A. Baughman, John Berryman, Jason Blevins, Wm. Blevins, Len Brandenburg, Jake Brown, G. Shelby Carr, Brady Carrier, Hugh D. Chambers, Hugh Coffey, John Covington, Christopher C. Crutcher, William L. Crutcher, Herman L. Cornett, Eugene Harris, Louis Dudderar, Louis Feese, Oscar Gentry, Joel Gentry, Charles Hacker, Frank Hacker, John Jayne, Clarence Kunkel, William Langford, James Ledford, Calvin Martin, James R. McKinney, Rufus Moberly, David Munday, Pleas B. Park, Wm. Profit, Christopher Riddell, Earl Roberts, Edward Porter Robinson, Charles J. Slattery, Robert L. Spicer, Calvin L. Taylor, Percy E. Tevis, Goebel L. Tudor, John Franklin Vaughn, William D. Wagers, David T. Watkins, Cyrus Wells, James B. Wheeler, Lenuel M. Withers, Arthur Yahrams.

## LIGHTNING KILLS 2 MT. VERNON MAN

The Stanford Journal tells of the killing of a man at Mt. Vernon in the electrical storm late Monday, and other damage there as follows:

Joe Fletcher, aged about 25, was killed during a storm at Mt. Vernon Monday afternoon. He was standing near a telephone pole, when the bolt of lightning struck the pole and it is supposed the shock killed him. Undertaker John A. Ball, who went from here to Mt. Vernon to embalm the body, told this paper that a small blue spot on the right arm near the elbow was the only mark he found on the body. The telephone pole was not far from the Mt. Vernon Signal office and Mrs. Anne Evans Miller, editor of that paper, was severely shocked and considerably burned about her shoulders and arms. A young man who was distributing type in the office was so severely shocked that he dropped his type and would have fallen had he not caught something nearby. Young Fletcher was a nephew of Judge L. W. Bethuram.

Edward Pritchard, Paris, was awarded a judgment of \$1,430.30 against Margolen Bros. in a civil suit.

## REDPATH OFFERS UNUSUAL PROGRAM

Reports From Other Cities Are Most Favorable For Coming Attractions

Chautauqua banners are flying again in Richmond. Foley L. Roberts, advance representative of the Redpath Chautauquas, arrived here Tuesday afternoon and will remain here until opening of the big seven day de luxe Chautauqua next Wednesday.

"We absolutely have the best program we have ever had," said Mr. Roberts. "It is not Redpath enthusiasm which prompts me to say that either," he continued. "These letters, which I will show from the many cities which have heard this year's program, speak for themselves."

"Never before has the Redpath Bureau presented such a well-balanced and popular program," one of the letters from Jacksonville, Fla., reads.

"We cannot speak too highly in praise of it," said another from Columbia, S. C.

"Look over the program for yourself," Mr. Roberts exclaimed. "Those two plays both delightful comedies, are undoubtedly two of America's favorites. 'Turn to the Right' and 'Friendly Enemies' appear on the fourth and sixth nights of the Chautauqua."

People who saw the original production of "Turn to the Right" will recognize John Junior and William Foron who played the part of Mugs and Gilly on Broadway.

Governor Brough, of Arkansas, and Governor Harding, of Iowa, are two of the head liners who will lecture on the first and fifth nights of the Chautauqua.

Not only lectures of note will be here but a splendid musical program with Liurance's Little Symphony Orchestra, the Collegian Male Quartette, Montague Light Opera Singers, Irene Stolsky, eminent violinist, Vierra's Hakaian, George Imbrie, baritone, but entertainers, impersonators and comedians as well. Jess Pugh, the fun specialist, and Sidney Landon, the impersonator, are also among the 18 wonderful attractions.

Everything points to the largest ticket sale in the history of the Richmond Chautauqua. The American Legion is bringing the Chautauqua here this year, and is going to "put it over the top." Many other organizations have offered to assist the Legion in making the Chautauqua a success.

F. C. Gentry, who is general chairman of the local Chautauqua committee, reports a good advance sale so far.

## COX STARTS ON TOUR OF EUROPE

(By Associated Press)  
New York, June 28—Taking a fling at the Harding administration for its attitude toward the League of Nations and other issues, James M. Cox, of Ohio, democratic candidate for president two years ago, sailed for Europe today to witness what he described as the "consequence of the steady flow of doing nothing by the present administration at Washington." He said he would motor through every continental country except Russia, making a study of economic conditions. The trouble with the Washington administration, as Cox diagnoses it, is its failure to "look beyond the end of its nose." He asserted every day confirms his faith in the League of Nations and added "the solution of all our economic problems lies in our entry into the league."

## New Trial Refused In First Clayhole Cases

(By Associated Press)  
Catlettsburg, Ky., June 28—A motion for a new trial for the four convicted men in the first clayhole murder case was overruled here today by Circuit Judge Halbert after presentation by the Commonwealth and arguments by the opposing counsel. Lack of a self defense instruction by the court to the grand jury was the principal point of the argument.

Shoe bargains on special counter.—E. V. Elder

## The Weather

Unsettled local showers and thunderstorms tonight or Thursday; no change in temperature.

## Wednesday's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, June 28—Prime cattle steady; others dull; hogs 10c higher; Chicago 10c lower; lambs 75c lower; Jersey \$14.50 tops.

Louisville, June 28—Cattle 300 slow; hogs 1,200, strong; sheep slow; all unchanged; lambs 25c off, \$13.

## HOW CONGRESSMEN FATTEN FAMILIES

A special dispatch from Washington to the Courier-Journal says: A list of more than 100 Congressmen alleged to have given "easy jobs" to their wives, sons and daughters by placing them on their office payroll, which includes the names of five Kentucky Representatives, was published in a New York newspaper today.

It created a stir at the capital. Copies of the publication were at a premium.

"The amount of money involved in this payroll grabbing is \$290,364 per annum," the article reads. "If a large number of relatives excluded from this tabulation because they are alleged to be bonafide wage earners were included, the total would run much higher. It looks like a splendid field for 'Hell and Maria' Daves and his pruning knife."

The analysis of the Kentucky delegation payroll is listed in this fashion:

"Representative Alben W. Barkley; wife, Mrs. Dorothy B. Barkley, \$3,200.

"Representative David H. Kincheloe; wife, Mrs. L. B. Kincheloe, at \$1,140. Young lady does all the office work for remainder of clerical appropriation.

"Representative William J. Fields; brother, Forest G. Fields, \$2,740; another relative, F. Clifford Fields, \$940.09.

"Representative John W. Langley; wife Mrs. Katherine G. Langley, clerk of husband's committee. Public Buildings and Grounds, at \$2,740. Never comes to capital except on pay days in monogrammed limousine. Nephew, H. C. Flannery, clerk to Langley, at \$2,500. A government clerk employed in one of the departments, comes to the capital after hours and does the actual work for small compensation.

"Representative John M. Robison; son, J. M. Robison, Jr., listed at \$1,840.

Messrs. Kincheloe and Barkley are the only members mentioned who are in Washington. Both declined to discuss the matter for publication.

Messrs. Langley and Robison have returned to Kentucky to look after their campaigns. Mr. Fields is ill at his home in Olive Hill.

However, it was pointed out that the reference as quoted in regard to the clerical hire of Representative Fields, in which it mentions Forest G. Fields as a brother of the Congressman, is erroneous, as the latter is a son of Mr. Fields.

Chicago, June 28—The Association of Railway Executives, scheduled to meet here tomorrow, will undoubtedly take up the ultimatum sent last night to Chairman Cuyler by E. M. Jewell, head of the Railway Shopmen, who threaten to strike July 1st, was said here today by railway executives. They said an answer will be made, but Jewell's proposal that the July 1st wage cut be stayed and that former working conditions, abolished by the Railway Labor Board, be restored, is impossible of acceptance. At the headquarters of the shop crafts union the strike ballot count went ahead while the general committee laid plans for action if the walkout actually comes. It is indicated every possible contingency will be guarded against in the program. Even legal action, if it should bring arrest of union leaders. Lieutenants have already been selected to step into the places of every leader who might be taken into custody.

## LATE NEWS NOTES

Twenty-one men have been killed in lower California in the last two weeks, according to official reports.

Floy Leath Warmoth, 8, of Louisville, suffered a fracture of the skull and cuts about the head when she was struck by a motor truck.

Cornelius Cole, 99, of California, former Congressman, was introduced in the House Monday by "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

St. Boniface church, Louisville, was the scene Wednesday morning of a triple wedding.

The Rev. Father Linus Brown united the couples in marriage. The father of Miss Elizabeth Culbertson failed to stop her marriage to Houston Jacoby when he missed his train at Paris by two minutes.

Austin Bailey, New Brunswick, N. J., was found by police with both ears cut off and states he cannot remember anything up to the time he was found.

## NEW TARIFF MEANS HEAVY MEAT BILL

Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, Shows What G. O. P. Program Plans to Poor Man

Washington, June 28—Duties on fresh meats and meat products proposed in the pending tariff bill, if effective, would increase the nation's meat bill \$379,500,000, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, declared Tuesday in the Senate. He was discussing the agricultural schedule and announced that from time to time he would submit figures, "staggering in their size, showing what an unbearable burden these duties on agricultural products would be to the consumers."

Senator Walsh estimated that the duties on beef and veal would increase prices of those commodities by \$237,000,000 a year; that mutton and lamb would advance by a total of \$31,500,000; pork by \$105,000,000 and lard by \$12,000,000. He said the total would be \$3.77 for each man, woman and child in the country, or \$18.85 for a family of five. The Massachusetts Senator contended that the increased cost to the people of his state alone would be \$15,140,000.

The speaker argued that the proposed tariff could not result in any benefit to the farmers, for reasons which he outlined as follows:

"A tariff upon agricultural products, except in a very limited number of instances, may not have at all the effect of raising the general level of prices to the producer.

"To whatever extent it will raise the price to the producer it will react in higher cost of living to the people of this country and react in higher costs of things the farmer must buy. This was well illustrated during the war. As the prices of agricultural products increased an increase in prices of things the farmer purchased surely followed, and the result was little net advantages to him.

"In an examination of statistics and well known information in regard to some of these agricultural articles," Senator Walsh continued, "will prove I believe beyond question that this schedule will not meet with the success claimed for it, but will result in very serious losses to the American people as a whole and will impair and injure materially the growing and expanding export business of the country. If this is true, then these tariff duties are mere paper duties, and will be of no benefit to the farmer."

## UNIONS MAKE ALL PLANS FOR STRIKE

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## Some real bargains in ladies' and mens' oxforde and straps on special counter.—E. V. Elder.

## Cooking Jelly Pour Over Child In Warren County

Bowling Green, Ky., June 28—Little Hazel Wade Dorris was severely burned when she accidentally overturned a pot in which her mother was cooking jelly.